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Comments on Senate Bill 59

Every day, across the state of Michigan, early childhood professionals work to provide a safe environment for the education and care of young children. This is a responsibility that is not taken lightly.

As the director of a child development center, and the parent of a toddler, I know how important it is to have the security of knowing that my child and all of the children at the Center are completely safe throughout the day. Senate Bill 59 is threatening to take that security away from parents and childcare centers.

If passed, this bill would negatively affect the way that child care centers operate on a daily basis. It would create one more negative pressure for childcare centers to fight against as they strive to ensure the safest environment for young children.

It is absolutely frightening to think of a law that would allow a concealed weapon to be in the same building where young children are being cared for. I cannot even begin to understand a reason for allowing concealed weapons in these traditionally "gun-free" zones.

As the director of a child development center, and a parent, I am asking the House Committee to consider how this bill would negatively impact the youngest children in the state of Michigan. It is the job of our state representatives to protect the welfare of all citizens and serve as the people's voice. At this time, I urge the members of the House of Representatives to be the voice for our youngest children, for those who do not yet have a voice; because they deserve to be cared for in the absolute safest environment that we can provide for them.

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